

Our democracy is endangered by Sinclair Broadcasting and other large media-owning corporations that act in similar manner.

"The 20th century has been characterized by three developments of great political importance: The growth of democracy, the growth of corporate power, and the growth of corporate propaganda as a means of protecting corporate power against democracy." - Alex Carey, Australian social scientist, 1995.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, ownership by a few large corporations.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated, by law, to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Some serious trust-busting is long overdue.